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The drawings were objected to as not showing a first extendable segment and the cellular telephone network testing equipment. The specification was also objected to as failing to provide antecedent basis for "a first extendable segment." The specification has been amended to refer to "telescoping, extendable segments 20, 21, 23, 25, 27 and a base segment 29," and to assign reference numeral 40 to the cellular telephone network testing equipment.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under section 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,537,125 to Harrell, Jr. et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,394,162 to Korovesis et al. Even assuming that the combination proposed by the Examiner is proper, there are a variety of distinctions between the claims and this combination. For example, each of independent claims 1, 13 and 20 recites "a self-propelled base." The passage cited by the Examiner states merely:

These and other aspects are achieved by the present invention which relates to a telescoping tower which can be mounted on a wheeled carrier, and in particular to a telescoping tower including a latch to lock adjacent tower sections in a secure deployed position, that may be subsequently released, by the operator from ground level. The tower may be used as a broadcast antenna, as well as for other purposes.

Harrell, Jr. et al. '125 at column 2, lines 37-44.


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This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney to discuss any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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